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HEADQUARTERS RESERVED FORCES OF VIRGINIA,

Richmond, October 6th, 1864.

CONSCRIPTION CIRCULAR,

No. 1.

I. Enrolling officers throughout the State are enjoined and required to give all their energies at once to the execution of the provisions of General Orders No. 76, from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office hereto appended. Each county enrolling officer is hereby instructed that he must immediately collect all the persons liable to military service under that order, and that he must deliver all such persons at Camp Lee, Richmond, within ten days after the receipt of this circular, if his county lies East of the Blue Ridge, and within fifteen days if West of the Blue Ridge. By virtue of authority derived from the Secretary of War, each and every enrolling officer failing to comply with the requirements of this circular fully and within the prescribed time, will be immediately dropped from the rolls and assigned to the ranks of the army, for either active or light duty field service, as may be most appropriate in each case, in the judgment of a Medical Examining Board. It is deemed but just to give the emphatic warning that while the services of all who successfully perform the important duties herein enjoined, will be recognized and by every possible means rewarded, no delay will be tolerated and no failure will be excused, but the declared penalty will be inexorably and swiftly enforced against every delinquent.

II. As soon as the men of any county, liable to military service under the annexed order, shall have been forwarded or collected, the enrolling officer of such county, together with all persons employed by him as conscript guards, clerks or otherwise, will repair to Camp Lee and report in person to Major T. G. Peyton, Commandant of Camp of Instruction. Enrolling officers will at the same time render full reports and descriptive lists of all persons employed under them on enrolling duty, carefully specifying such of them as shall have been efficient, and such as shall have been delinquent in executing the requirements of this circular.

III. Persons liable to military service under the annexed order, who voluntarily and promptly report at Camp Lee within the time above specified, will be allowed, as far as practicable under existing regulations, to choose the companies to which they will be assigned. Such as require to be brought under compulsion, if any, will be assigned without regard to their own choice.

IV. Enrolling officers are instructed that the annexed order revokes all details heretofore granted, either by the War Department or the Bureau of Conscription, to men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, whether on the ground of public or private necessity; that is to say, details granted to farmers, millers, mechanics and all other persons whomsoever, excepting only those individuals who are "detailed and actually employed in manufacturing, providing, collecting

and forwarding munitions and other indispensable supplies (such as ordnance, ammunition, tithes, &c.,) for the army and navy, or in work indispensable to (pending) military operations."

All men between 18 and 45 years of age, now applying for details, are also required to be immediately forwarded to the Camp of Instruction.

V. It will be observed that persons regularly exempted from military service by law, such as agriculturists working fifteen able-bodied hands, State officers, protected by proper certificates of exemption, &c., are not interfered with by the annexed order.

VI. All light-duty men not regularly assigned to duty by the orders of the Commandant of Conscripts, will be promptly forwarded to the Camp of Instruction, under the penalty of being assigned to field duty with the active forces.

VII. Persons called out by these orders who claim exemption on account of physical disability, will be examined by a Medical Board at the Camp of Instruction, and not by the District Medical Boards.

VIII. County Commandants and other officers of the Local Forces are ordered forthwith to furnish the enrolling officers of their respective counties with the names of all detailed men belonging to their several commands, and they will actively assist the enrolling officers in collecting such men and forwarding them to the Camp of Instruction at Richmond.

It is not the design of the annexed order to discontinue the Local Forces, they will be continued or re-organized as circumstances may dictate after the withdrawal of the detailed men now required for regular service, but none except men exempt from all military duty and those detailed from the reserve class, viz: detailed men between 17 and 18 and between 45 and 50 years of age, will be now retained or hereafter enrolled in the Local Forces: All the detailed men will be immediately withdrawn from the Local Forces even from such companies and battalions of the Local Forces as may be embodied and actually serving in the field.

IX. By command of the Secretary of War the Camp of Instruction at Dublin is hereby abolished.

By command of Major General KEMPER.

R. H. CATLETT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
 ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
 October 6th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 76. }

I. All details heretofore granted under authority of the War Department, to persons between the ages of 18 and 45 years, are revoked, and all such detailed men, together with those within the said ages who hold furloughs or temporary exemptions by reason of pending applications for detail, will be promptly assembled at the camps of instruction and appropriately assigned among the armies for service; except that men detailed and now actually employed in manufacturing, providing, collecting and forwarding munitions and other indispensable supplies of the army and navy, or in work indispensable to military operations, will be continued in their present employments until their details shall be revised.

II. The heads of departments and chiefs of bureaux will within the next 20 days forward to the Generals of reserves lists of all detailed men in their employment in the several States, specially distinguishing and certifying those who are experts and those absolutely indispensable for the performance of the above mentioned government work and business: and all detailed employees, not so certified, within the prescribed period will, upon the expiration thereof, be forthwith assigned to the army.

III. All other persons called out by this order, who claim exemption on account of physical disability, will be examined by select Medical Boards after their arrival at the camps of instruction.

IV. All men found for light duty, who are unassigned, will at once report to the camps of instruction under the penalty of being forthwith assigned to the active forces.

By command of Secretary of War.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

CIRCULAR, No. 68. }
 CONSRIPT OFFICE,
 Richmond, October 6th, 1864. }

In obedience to the foregoing orders from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office and from Headquarters Reserve Forces of Virginia, District and County Enrolling Officers are hereby required to render full and prompt compliance to the same.

County officers will commence correspondence direct with this office, but are liable to and will obey instructions from the District Officer in the execution of these orders.

District officers will continue without abatement to discharge the duties required of them under former instructions, until relieved by orders transmitted through this Office.

District officers will report without delay the Post Office address of each County Officer in his Congressional District, also the name and Post Office address of the Senior Surgeon of the Medical Examining Board.

By order of Lieut. Col. J. C. SHIELDS, Commandant.

JAS. H. BINFORD,

Lieutenant and Adjutant.

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